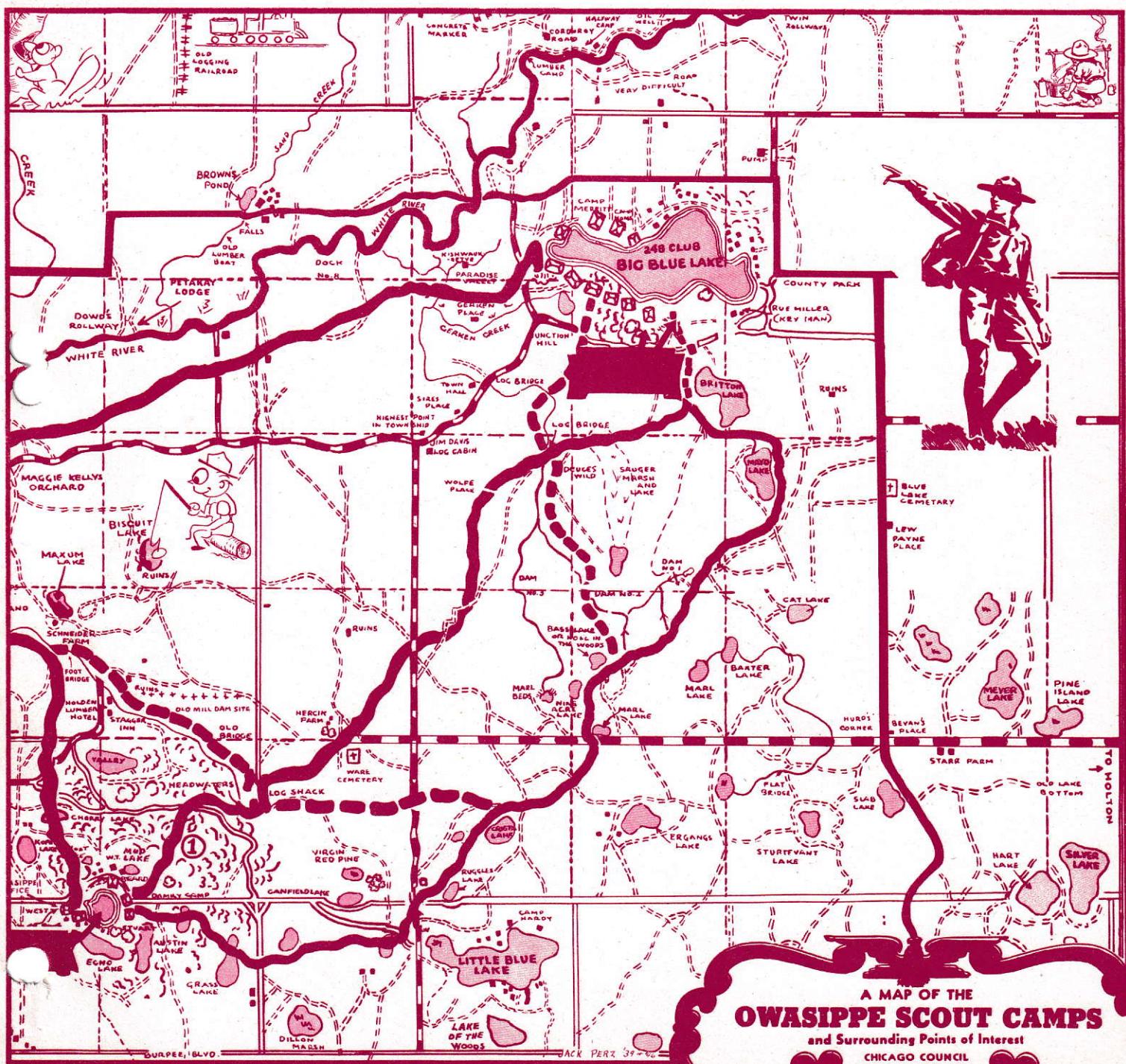


OWASIPPE

Mr. Jas. Connell

Troop Leaders' Hand Book

1949



Fellow Camper:

Owasippe is looking forward to one of its greatest years in camping. If all indications bear out as it now appears we shall have the greatest attendance Owasippe has ever seen.

We have set up a whole new department to handle out-of-camp activities this year -- canoe trips, overnight camping trips, special exploration, in an effort to provide opportunities to serve you and your units.

There is no change in our objective of providing a real camping experience for every Scout. I trust that you will find within this Plan Book those necessary items to help you in planning a memorable camping experience full of fun and adventure for every Scout. Call in your boy leaders, find out what the boys want to do, and then plot your course.

We stand ready to be of any assistance you may need. Feel free to call upon us.

Good Luck and Good Camping,

Jack F. Conley
Assistant Scout Executive

Jack M. Perz
Chief Camp Director

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OWASIPPE ADVENTURE FUN FELLOWSHIP OUR AIM

TO DEVELOP EVERY SCOUT

PHYSICALLY - MENTALLY - MORALLY

Through a Program that is fun and Adventure to him...

By the influence of our personal example and assisting Troop Leadership to carry out the following Program.

EVERY SCOUT

At Home in the Water

Healthy and Safe

Advancing in Scoutcraft recognition

Acquiring outdoor hobbies and appreciation

A cooperating citizen in our Scout Community

Developing Skills

The Leader of himself and Others.

EVERY TROOP

An opportunity to develop a program of purposeful activities that will help achieve our aim for each Scout and provide a plan for year round Troop Camping.

ALL WITH INDIVIDUAL
SELECTION OF PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION ALLOWING
PLENTY OF TIME FOR
COMPLETE ENJOYMENT



LET'S GO!

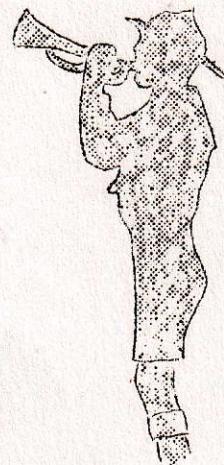
In planning a program for camp, the day may be considered as having four parts:

1. Morning	3. Twilight
2. Afternoon	4. Evening

On the next page is a convenient chart to schedule your Troop activities.

MORNING

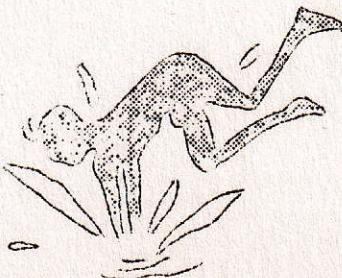
In general, mornings are given over to Scoutcraft Instruction. You can put this on the Plan Chart by writing across the morning section "Scoutcraft Instruction". However, you should talk over with each Scout what he intends to accomplish in the way of Scout Advancement--let's have him learn a few things well -- rather than a lot sketchily. From your interviews with Scouts an Advancement Chart containing the advancement objectives of each Scout may be made for posting on your campsite bulletin board. Check this once a day with your Scouts as a convenient way of guiding their progress. There are no "class schedules" in camp.



The principal responsibility of the resident staff is to be of assistance to you in the operation of your Troop program. The Ranger Department has experts in Nature, Campcraft, Handicraft and Hiking, who will be glad to be of assistance to you in the planning execution of your Troop hike. These may be of many types, afternoon, day, evening, star, Nature, forestry, etc.

All swimming instruction in the various waterfront skills will be done by Troop at a time arranged, as near as possible, to suit Troop convenience. In addition, the general recreational swim will be held in the afternoon during two periods; from 3:30 to 4:15 and 4:15 to 5:00 o'clock.

BRING YOUR TROOP CAMPING EQUIPMENT WITH YOU
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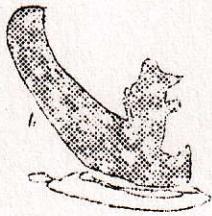
A F T E R N O O N

This second period of the day may continue to be a time for Scoutcraft instructions. However, as a general rule most Troops like to consider part of this time for such Troop activities as:

Make something for Camp - Afternoon Hikes
Starting Overnight Hike - Planning evening activities

In checking the requirements for the Troop Award, you may find that should you desire to secure the Award, additional program may be advisable.

T W I L I G H T & E V E N I N G



These two periods can be most enjoyable. The first part of the evening, Twilight, is quite often used by individual Scouts for:

Boating	Fishing
Canoeing	Short Hikes
Playing Games	

However, these Twilight and Evening periods may be interspersed with Troop Games, Troop meetings, Patrol meetings, etc.

Glancing again at the Troop Planning chart, we find most evenings after sundown free for Troop Planned activities. This is the greatest opportunity for a Scoutmaster to develop real Troop Spirit that will help Troop morale throughout the year, and will be of real assistance in camp promotion for next year.



Think in terms of:

Troop Campfires	Troop Feeds
Hikes to historical &	Story Telling
scenic spots	

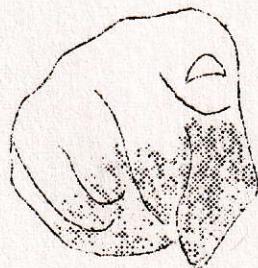
As various activities are planned, make a note of them on the chart. It is also wise to record after the activity, the name of the person who will be in charge. This will give you a working schedule while in camp.

A few additional hints:

1. After arriving in camp:
Include your Troop details on chart.

Note also on chart, time for preparing for camp-wide activities, such as stunt night and special day event.

2. Keep in mind that bird and star hikes are important part of camp life. Note these also.



S E E T H E

C H A R T, T O O !

The leaders who arrive in camp with these two schedules (Individual Advancement Chart and Troop Plan Chart) will find that the few hours spent in preparation will produce much satisfaction and added enjoyment for all Scouts.

OMASLAW SCOUT CAMPS

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR TROOP ACTIVITIES

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CAMP	TIME	1st Day	2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day	5th Day	6th Day	7th Day
M O R N I N G		OPEN HOUSE						
A F T E R N O O N		Physical Examination						
T W I L I C H T		Swim Test						
E V E N I N G		AQUATIC DEMONSTRATION	COOKING DEMONSTRATION					

Used by Troop Leaders-Rangers-Aquatic Directors-Prov. S.M.

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR TROOP ACTIVITIES - Page 2

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CAMP	TROOP					PERIOD			19	
	8th Day	9th Day	10th Day	11th Day	12th Day	13th Day	14th Day	15th Day		
M O R N I N G										
A P T E R N O N										
W H I L D G E										
E V E N I N G										
									CAMPFIRE	

HERE IS WHAT ONE TROOP DID (1st week)

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
M O R N I N G	OPEN HOUSE	CAMP DETAIL	START TROOP PROJECT	CHECK HIKE FOOD & EQUIPMENT	CHURCH		
A F T E R N O O N	SCOUTCRAFT - CAMP CRAFT - - - -	FIRST CLASS, SECOND CLASS, AND MERIT BADGES - - - -	11:15 - 12:00 - Troop Swim				
T W I L I G H T	Physical Examination Swim Test	Exploration Hike Boats & Canoes for Spillway Hike	Buddy Hikes Plan food and equipment for Spillway Hike	2:30 P.M. Lv. for Spillway Hike	Board of Review	Swim Meet Stunt Hikes	
E V E N I N G	RETREAT ACQUATIC DEMONSTRATION	RETREAT COOKING DEMONSTRATION	RETREAT Boats & Canoes Tree	RETREAT	RETREAT	RETREAT Boats & Canoes	
	DEMONSTRATION						

WHAT ONE TROOP DID (2nd week)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
M O R N I N G	Camp Detail			Complete Advancement Review	BOARD OF REVIEW	CHURCH	Pack Up Clean Camp Site
	SCOUTCRAFT - CAMP CRAFT - - - -		FIRST CLASS, 11:15 -	SECOND CLASS & MERIT BADGES 12:00 - Troop Swim			
A P T E R N O O N	Order food for Canoe Trip	Complete Troop Project	Canoe Trip	ARROW ELECTION		Short Troop Hike	Inter-Troop Swim Meet
T W L I G H T	RETREAT	RETREAT	Boats & Canoes	Night Game	RETREAT	RETREAT	RETREAT
E V E N I N G	Night Game	Campfire			ARROW CALLING OUT	CEREMONY	Story Campfire

ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

Scouts have an opportunity to pass 1st and 2nd Class and those Merit Badges whose requirements lend themselves to achievement outdoors. Boys have ample opportunity to work on such requirements during the period. Some boys are not self-starters when it comes to Scoutcraft achievements. Give them a helping hand.

OWASIPPE STANDARDS are determined by the Council Advancement Committee and must be rigidly followed. Second and First Class work is supervised by the Troop Leaders.

We offer for your guidance the following excerpts from the Chicago Council Advancement Committee Minutes, meeting held November 12, 1946:

1. "It is the decision of the Advancement Committee of the Chicago Council that the advancement program operated in the Chicago Summer Camps be in keeping with the camping opportunities; and, therefore, limit and restrict the camps to the following named Merit Badges:

Angling	Conservation	Leatherwork	Stalking
Archery	Cooking	Life Saving	Surveying
Astronomy	Forestry	Pioneering	Swimming
Bird Study	Hiking	Personal Health	Weather
Botany	Insect Life	Public Health	Woodcarving
Camping	Indian Lore	Reptile Study	Zoology
Canoeing	Leathercraft	Rowing	

"It is the opinion of the Advancement Committee that in view of the physical opportunities afforded at the summer camps, that the efforts of the Scouts be directed into achieving advancement goals associated with camping and securing the remaining Merit Badges during the balance of the year in the city.

"Aware, however, of possible extenuating circumstances wherein an individual may already hold all of the above listed badges or may, by physical inability, be unable to continue advancement in the above badges, the authority is granted to the Chief Camp Director to authorize the use of the balance of the advancement program provided suitable qualified Merit Badge Counselors are available.

2. "In-town Merit Badge Counselors, while in camp, will be expected to work in cooperation with the Resident Camp Staff Counselors on all or any part of the above Merit Badges approved for camp.
3. "No limit was placed on the number of Merit Badges that may be earned during a camp period.

"Training of camp staff men to serve as Merit Badge Counselors was considered to be essential.

"Camp Boards of Review were approved.

"A motion was made, seconded and passed limiting all Chicago summer camp Boards of Review to awarding only Second Class and First Class ranks."

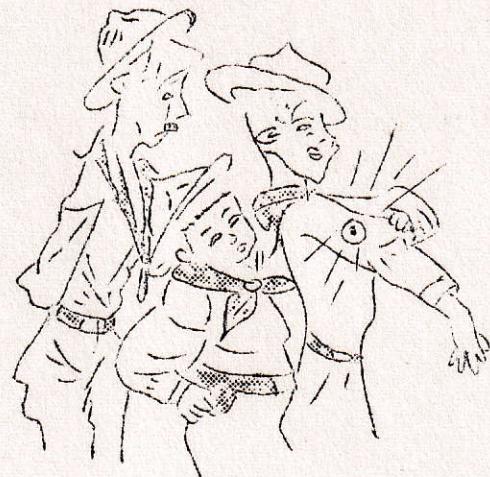
MERIT BADGE INSTRUCTION and examinations will be handled by members of the resident staff in cooperation with the Troop Leader.

REVIEWS - Scoutleaders, regular members of the Board of Review and Staffmen will be the examiners. This examination will be on the station-to-station plan. Reviews are usually held twice each period.

1st Review - about end of first week.
2nd Review - near end of period with special opportunity for Scouts who failed previously.

Merit Badges passed by any of the Staff specialists will not require review. Review necessary only for approved subjects not covered by experts.

Certificates will be awarded by the Advancement Committee of the Chicago Council while the Scout is in Camp. His record will be transferred to the City.

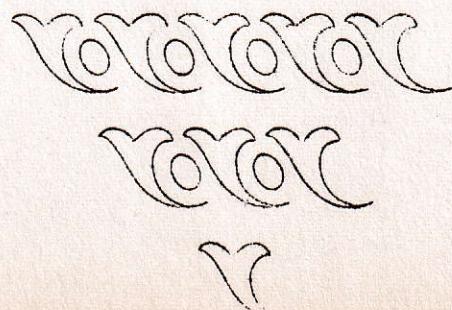


TROOP AWARDS deserve space for themselves. See following page.

ORDER OF THE ARROW is a National Fraternity of Honor Campers of the Boy Scouts of America.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER OF THE ARROW is based on high exemplification of Scout ideals, with emphasis on leadership and service rather than on personal accomplishment or popularity. The Order of the Arrow is considered the highest honor a Boy Scout Camper can attain at the Owasippe Scout Camps.

There is an upper limit as to the number of nominees per Troop.



THE OWASIPPE TROOP AWARD

THE WHY-- It is our responsibility to establish and maintain such camping standards as will guarantee to all Scouts the necessary leadership safeguards and to aid Scouts in the development of a sense of responsibility, resourcefulness and self-reliance plus habits of health, a love and appreciation of the outdoors, and a sense of loyalty to the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law.

THE TOOLS--

1. The Owasippe Plan Book
2. The Scoutmaster's Handbook
3. Handbook for Patrol Leaders
4. Scout Field Book

THE HOW-- The Owasippe Troop Award will be presented to home Troops attending Owasippe with their own adult leadership for the full camping period. Troop must produce evidence (authorized signatures) that it has achieved certain standards of good camping.

1. Program and Organization

The Troops' Senior and Junior Leaders shall plan using the Owasippe "Plan Book" a schedule of attainable objectives including advancement for all the Scouts of the Troop, using Troop specialists and assistance from the camp staff when desired.

In planning the program, the emphasis shall be thru the adventurous, playway of practical learning by doing of Camp, Scout and Woodcraft activities. The campfire and group entertainments program shall be of high caliber and all campers should take on active part. The Elements of Health, Sanitation and Safety must be present at all times.

Certified by _____
Camp Director, Asst. Camp Director

2. Lone Troop Swimming

With the aid of the Aquatic Directors, plan and hold at least one Lone Troop swim, using the "Eight Defense Plan" as outlined in "Swimming, Water Sports and Safety, B.S.A." Troop aquatic leaders to give full consideration to all elements of safety.

Certified by _____
Aquatic Director

3. Campcraft - Scoutcraft - Woodcraft - Nature Lore

The Troop leadership and specialists shall plan and carry out the above related activities "on the trail" as much as possible with the aid of the camp Rangers as is necessary and requested.

The Troop Craftsman to lead the Troop in building a worthwhile rustic Troop project that has been approved by the Camp Craftsman.

On all hikes, whether Troop, Buddy or Patrol, check "Out and In" at the Ranger Cabin. Return First Aid Kits to Medical Officer.

Certified

Ranger

(The aim shall be to enable every Scout, Patrol and Troop to live outdoors under varying conditions of weather and terrain with a maximum of comfort, physical benefit and happiness, using the resources at hand.)

4. Health, Sanitation and Safety

The Troop's leadership shall see that the following safeguards are taught and practiced by all.

Each person to report to the medical officer immediately for treatment in case of illness or injury, this to be followed by visits to the Health Lodge as suggested by the Medical Officer.

Cleanliness of person and clothing.

Hot water and soap bath at least twice weekly for all campers.

Make every precaution to prevent and exclude flies and mosquitoes by all campers.

Each camper to know and practice - good eating habits, sleeping hours (at least eight hours), good elimination, and strict care of minor injuries and avoidance of infection by following the instructions of the camp medical officer.

Certified by

Medical Officer

5. Satisfactory care and use of all equipment and campsite

Aquatic Equipment. Certified

Aquatic Director

Craft Equipment. Certified

Ranger

Rangers' Equipment Certified

Ranger

Campsite Equipment Certified

Director, Asst. Director

Campsite Cleanliness and Improvement

- A. As a Troop project, make a Troop Bulletin Board or remove stumps - fill holes - smooth paths - or build a council fireplace - or other project approved in advance by the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director.
- B. Maintain a clean, sanitary campsite as per the suggested instructions of Inspector.

Camp Director, Asst. Director

Where claim is made for this award, Scoutmaster of Troop will present this application on or before noon of the day before leaving Camp, to the Camp Clerk, who will verify all adult signatures and record on Form #34. The Clerk will prepare the award and will arrange for presentation with other Camp Awards.

T H E

L E G E N D

O F

O W A S I P P E

Location -- The Spillway on Silver Creek,
the Trout Stream, Owasippe's Grave, and
the Burying Ground Point on White River.



In days when the White Lake Region was first settled by White men (1840-1850), a tribe of Pottawotamie Indians lived in the vicinity and had its village on Silver Creek (The Trout Stream) at a point near where the Spillway now is. The Chief of this tribe, who was a friend to the White men, was an old Indian by the name of Owasippe. Owasippe had married late in life and had two sons about fifteen and seventeen years of age.

It was a custom among the Indian tribes that when a lad felt that he was old enough and was ready to be admitted as a brave in the tribe, he was required to pass what was known as a manhood test, in order to prove his courage, self-reliance, and woodcraft ability. This test, which varied in detail from tribe to tribe, consisted essentially of the boy's going out for a considerable period of time away from the tribe, frequently going into hostile territory, killing and preparing his own food, and otherwise entirely depending upon his own resources. In the tribe of Owasippe, this test consisted of taking a canoe and scouting trip of a month's duration.

Owasippe's two sons felt that they were ready to pass their manhood tests and to be admitted to the tribe as braves, and arrangements were accordingly made. They packed their canoes with their few utensils and supplies, and started out, sailing down Silver Creek to the White River on to White Lake, - out into Lake Michigan, and up toward the country of the Algonquins in Canada.

As the time for their return drew near, Owasippe, whose whole life was wrapped up in these two boys, was keyed up to a high point of anxiety and anticipation. Early in the morning on the day when they were due to return, he climbed the hill back of his tepee and sitting there on an old fallen pine log at a point where he could command a view of Silver Creek down to its junction with the White River, he waited and watched for their return. All day long he waited for the canoe. At night, exceedingly anxious and worn, he returned to his village, only to renew his watch at daybreak. Day after day he waited thus, and as he waited his anxiety grew. Finally he refused to desert his post and sat there day and night. His faithful wife brought his food to him, but he ate less and less, and finally, after many days, sank into a coma and died.

The canoe of the lads never appeared, and Owasippe was buried on the crest of the hill where he died. His grave is marked only by a sunken hole, mute evidence of a raid made by vandals several years ago when they stole the old Chief's skull.

(Legend of Owasippe -- Page two)

Scouts are asked to bring rocks whenever they visit this grave, and place them on the earth so that in time this hole will be filled up and a mound will mark the spot where the old chief is buried.

The mystery of the death of Owasippe's sons was not solved for many years. About thirty years after Owasippe's death, a boy fishing along the White River came to a point known as "Burying Ground Point", where there is a high bank. There had been a heavy rainstorm the night before and the boy discovered that a landslide had occurred here. He began exploring about and found the upturned prow of a birch bark canoe. He got a few of his friends and dug into the bank where they found the entire canoe, under which there were two skeletons of young Indian lads.

It was apparent then what had happened. These two sons of Owasippe had successfully completed their trip and were returning home. Arriving at Burying Ground Point less than a mile from their father's village and practically within sight, they were overtaken by one of those sudden fierce storms which occasionally visit this region. While there, a landslide suddenly overwhelmed them, burying and crushing them and the canoe, and thus their remains stayed buried until uncovered years later.

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(Reprinted from "Owasippe, It's Yarns & Legends")

SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

Christian Science, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant Services will be held at times to be announced as part of the Camp schedule.

IN THE DINING HALL

Tables seat 10. Each table has a Troop Leader or Staff Man as Table Leader, who sits at the head. He is responsible for table manners and may serve the food. Each Table is responsible for its own dishwashing and serving. The Table Leader to arrange own dishwashing and waiter schedule. These duties are to be equally shared, not used as punishment.

SEVENTY-FIVE MILES OF CROSS-COUNTRY HIKING TRAILS

These trails have all been made by old Owasippe Campers. There are many historic and legendary points of interest on all of these trails. See the Ranger Staff for food, maps, and any other helps you may need.

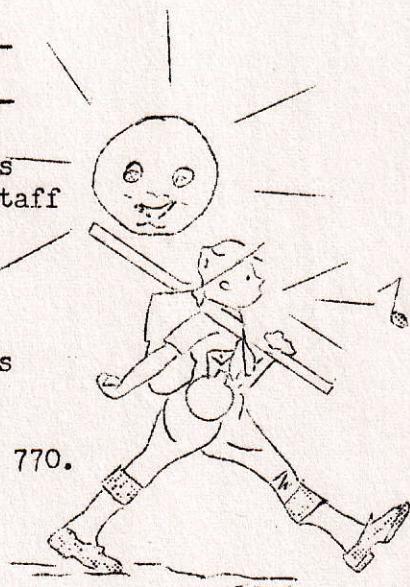
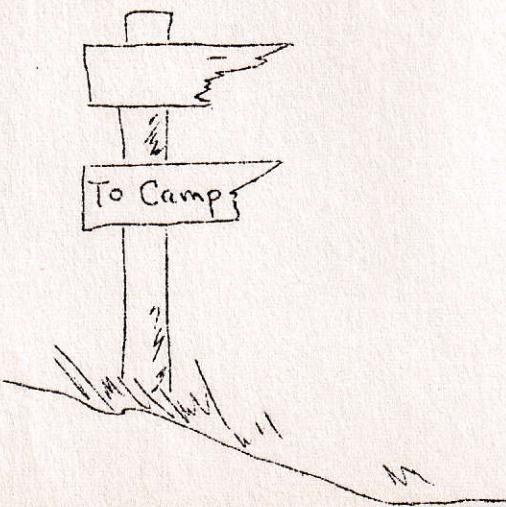
COOKING

On the hike, it can be fun. Valuable suggestions in the Scoutmaster's Handbook, Volume 2, answer the questions of how much, for how many, and gives the order of preparation. Real ideas here - look at page 770.

FAMILY CAMP

Opportunity is provided for men to visit their families. Special dates for leaders with folks at Family Camp will be announced by your Camp Director. Be sure to see him. Leaders wishing to swim at Family Camp bring "Buddy Tags". Walk over to Family Camp -- do not row or paddle over.

Visitor's Days - Sunday and Thursday. Have your folks at the boys' camp.



BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT

Tents, cooking equipment, and all that other gear owned by your Troop - and upon which you've worked so hard - will help to guarantee the fun and adventure of the open trail.

Here's your opportunity to show others those gadgets of which you are so very proud.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The Camp furnishes wall tents housing four boys. These are equipped with wood floors, cots, water pail for each four Scouts and kerosene lantern for each tent. Two brooms to each campsite. Rakes may be secured from the Quartermaster. Table service is provided for every boy in the dining hall.

Tents are arranged in campsites, each holding about thirty-two Scouts and three or four Leaders. Each Troop is housed separately within the site and the Camp endeavors not to mix Scouts from several Troops in the same tent. Each person coming to Camp must bring own wash basin and canteen.

The Leaders sleep in tents adjacent to their Scouts; when more than one Troop occupies a campsite, all Leaders stay in the Leaders' tent which accommodates up to three. Leaders must not sleep in boys' tents; nor may boys occupy Leaders' tents.

When Camp property is abused, the Director will charge the Troop an amount necessary to repair or replace article damaged. Allowance is made for reasonable wear.

CAMP SERVICE

Each Troop will be expected to take care of certain camp duties as required in the administration of the camp. These will be assigned.

TROOP SITES

Camping at its best is camping with your own Troop, in your own site, with your own dining hall and kitchen. To meet the demands of Chicago Troops which prefer Troop Camping, several sites have been setup at Owasippe - one each at Camps Beard - Stuart - West. They will accommodate as many as 32 Scouts and Leaders. Meals can be secured from the local camp dining hall or cooked by the Troop. "Hot-pack" carriers are provided to keep the food warm when it is taken from the camp kitchens.

Here, a Troop can conduct a complete camp program, including mealtime activities under its own leadership. An ideal arrangement for Troops of 24 to 32 Scouts. All facilities are provided and the site is near enough to the main camp that a Troop can join in general program features if it desires to.

AND NOW

Good luck to you as you plan the program. Whoa! What we really meant was as the boys plan the program and you, the Leader, serves as their guide and counselor. This is the most important part of all Scout program planning, for democracy will live as youth has opportunity to participate and share in the responsibility of living.

